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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Activities and Shipments in Merseburg and Koenigsbrueck

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1. On 6 March 1955, 152-mm gun howitzers and 122-mm field howitzers were no longer seen in the Flak Kaserne (8321) in Merseburg. No departure of troops had been observed. Between 1300 and 1720 on 7 March, two shipments including soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were entrained at the Merseburg railroad station. The first shipment consisted of 6 x 100-mm AT guns, 6 prime movers, 22 trucks and 1 field kitchen; and the second shipment of 6 AT guns of a smaller caliber, 6 prime movers, 16 trucks and 2 field kitchens. All motor vehicles had a new green coat of paint

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2. Between 1 and 10 March, it was determined that Neues Lager in Koenigsbrueck (1523) was subdivided by board fences into four sections which were occupied as follows:

the northeast section by a tank unit
 the northwest section by a driving school unit
 the southwest section by an AAA unit
 the southeast section by an artillery unit.

After about 10 March, [REDACTED] most of the vehicles seen in Koenigsbrueck were covered by green paint. 2

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3. During the period under review, units from Neues Lager were entrained, mostly at night. At 0200 on 15 March, artillery units with 3 x 100-mm AT guns, 1 x 76-mm field guns and 4 YA-12 prime movers were unloaded at the Koenigsbrueck-west railroad station and left toward Neues Lager.

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The guns which, in the presentCLASSIFICATION **SECRET**

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report, are called 122-mm field guns, were reported as new type of gun in January. It cannot yet be determined whether the known M-31/37 field gun or a new 122-mm (?) gun were concerned.

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the bulk of the brigade on 6 trains transferred to Altengrabow for firing practices on 5 and 7 March

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2. Comment. These observations, in connection with available information, confirm the following units in Neues Lager:

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a medium tank regiment of the 11th Gds Tank Div in the northeast section; presumably two regiments of the 4th Gds AAA Div in the southwest section; and the U/1 Arty Briz of the First Gds Mees Army in the southeast section.

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3. Comment. 5 shipments, probably with units of the U/1 Arty Briz of the First Gds Mees Army, went to Altengrabow on 8 March. On 12 March, the first shipment returned to Koenigsbrueck. The present information indicates that additional elements of the brigade returned from Altengrabow on 15 March.

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